

# Saint Mary's Newsletter: April

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## SERVICES FOR APRIL 2021

### Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>:

10am Easter Holy Communion

**Refreshments:** Majella Heaton

**Readings:** Majella Heaton

**Intercessions:** Majella Heaton

### Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>:

10am Holy Communion

**Refreshments:** Adrienne Calderwood

**Readings:** Adrienne Calderwood

**Intercessions:** Adrienne Calderwood

### Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>:

10am Holy Communion

**Refreshments:** Helen & Charles Clark

**Readings:** Charles Clark

**Intercessions:** Charles Clark

### Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>:

6am Dawn service at the cenotaph

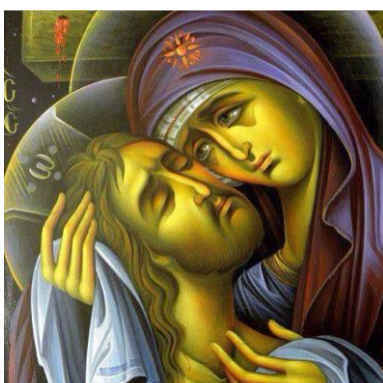
### Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>:

10am Holy Communion

**Refreshments:** Katy Cockerton

**Readings:** Katy Cockerton

**Intercessions:** Katy Cockerton



## Notices:

**ANZAC Service:** There is no 10am ANZAC service in the Gordonton Hall. Instead, a basic 6am Dawn Service will be held at the Cenotaph

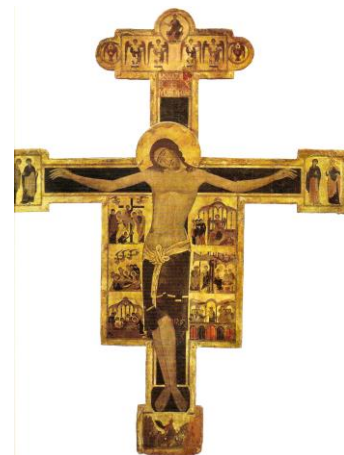


### **Prayer of St Francis before the cross:**

"Most High glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart.

Give me right faith, sure hope and perfect charity.

Fill me with understanding and knowledge that I may fulfil your command."



### **Parish Bank Account:**

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## The Resurrection: The hinge of our Christian Faith

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is central to the Christian faith. It is mentioned over one hundred times in the New Testament. It was the main point for each sermon in the Book of Acts. Without it there is no Christian faith. Paul said the resurrection is important to the believer for a number of reasons. He said that Christian preaching is empty if Jesus did not come back from the dead. The faith of the believer is worthless if Christ is not risen because he is the object of the faith. In addition, Christ, is not whom He said He was. Had He not risen, He would have been a liar. The apostles would also have been liars for testifying to a resurrection that did not occur. Furthermore, there is no forgiveness for anybody's sin if Christ did not rise from the dead. Those who have died believing in Christ would have had no hope. If hope in Christ is limited to this life, Christians are to be pitied above all people. Thank God they are not!

The resurrection is also important to the identity and mission of Jesus. First, the resurrection is important to His identity. The resurrection is the demonstration that Jesus indeed is the Son of God. The resurrection is also important to His character

Jesus would not have been a true prophet had He not come back from the dead as He predicted that He would. It is important to Jesus' ministry. If He did not come back from the dead then His ministry would have ended in defeat. Finally, it is important to His message.

The centrality of the Christian message is that Jesus died and then came back from the dead. If He did not come back from the dead then there is no Christianity. Consequently we see that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial to the Christian faith.



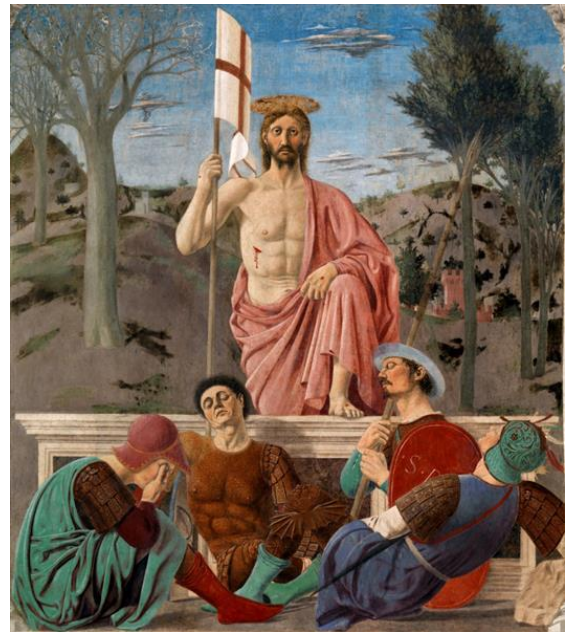
## An Easter Scripture for you:

### Matthew 20:17-19

*17 Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them,*

*18 "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death*

*19 and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"*



Christ sacrifice  
life rejoice  
Jesus hope crucifixion  
SAVIOR  
He is  
LOVE mercy  
amazing grace  
REDEEMER  
RISEN